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## RAILROAD STRIKE IMPERILS COUNTRY

Big Sandy passenger trains No. 37 and 38 have been discontinued on account of the strike.

Also 12 other trains on the C. & O. in the Huntington and Ashland districts have been cut off. Others will follow.

All lines of business will be paralyzed within a few days. Food shortages will cause suffering at many places.

Another railroad strike is on, adding to the troubles of the country in these perilous days. Nothing can do more damage just now than a railroad strike.

The strike is caused by the demand of shopmen for higher wages. It came almost without warning to the public. If these men are not getting enough they could get an increase by proper presentation of facts sustaining their contention. It is the use of force that the innocent public resents. The people will suffer hardships and the loss of millions every day as a result of the strike.

Embargoes have been placed upon shipments of perishable freight, live stock, etc. It is reported this morning that there will be only one train a day each way on the Big Sandy division of the C. O., beginning with the anniversary of one train Thursday evening.

With a coal famine next winter staring the world in the face the mines will be forced to close again.

Good roads and the use of trucks and automobiles is the only thing in sight that may make the public more independent of railroads. That remedy is a long way in the future for the country as a whole, but every effort should be bent in that direction.

Also, river transportation must be revived and encouraged. It would be a fine time to go after Congress for further improvement of the Big Sandy river. A few more locks and dams would reach enough coal to bring about a regular business of shipping by water. The Ashland dam in the Ohio now keeps a pool in the mouth of Big Sandy sufficient to get boats in and out at all times.

A large number of telegraph operators and railroad clerks have been thrown out of employment by the strike.

## LITTLE BOY IS KILLED BY AUTO

John Hannibal Cooper, formerly of Paintsville, but now of Chillicothe, O., passed through Louisa Wednesday morning with the body of his little boy who was killed by an automobile on Tuesday. The little fellow was six years old. He and his sister were crossing a street when two machines from opposite directions crowded them into such close quarters that the little boy was knocked down and killed. His little sister escaped the same fate by a very close margin.

The body was buried at Paintsville. Mr. Cooper lived in Louisa a few years ago and had charge of the Singer Sewing Machine company's business. He is almost paralyzed over the sad accident and his many friends deeply sympathize with him.

## NOT ENOUGH FOR NURSING COURSE

Unless there are received this week the names of more persons desiring to take the free course in nursing offered to Lawrence Co., no instruction will be given.

Up to this time five names have been received from Louisa and five from Fallsburg.

The proposition was to have at least ten applications from each of four places by August 10th—Louisa, Blaine, Webbville and Fallsburg.

This is a rare opportunity and there are only three days left in which applicants may file their names with the secretary of the Lawrence County Red Cross at Louisa. Is it possible that Lawrence county people will fail to take advantage of this important opportunity?

## NEW CHRISTIAN CHURCH BUILDING

On Monday morning ground was broken for the new church building that is to be erected on the lot on upper Madison street donated some time ago by Mr. J. M. Mounts as a site for the building. Subscriptions have been made and work on a modern brick structure will be begun at once.

The building is expected to cost from six to seven thousand dollars. The plan is a good one and the building will be a credit to the congregation and the town. The location is a desirable one.

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL.**

There will be an ice cream social at the Busseyville schoolhouse Saturday night, August 9, proceeds for benefit of school.

R. L. Vinson has an option on the G. V. Meek property near the foot of the hill, on Madison-st., and will probably buy it.

## VIRGIL McELDOWNY MARRIED.

We notice in the marriage license list in Wednesday's Courier-Journal the names of Virgil E. McEldowney, of Charleston, W. Va., and Miss Gladys B. Drescher, of Louisville. The groom is the eldest son of Rev. L. E. McEldowney, formerly of Louisa. Virgil is a medical student at Louisville.

## DID NOT FILE ACCOUNT.

It is reported that L. W. Skaggs, Republican candidate for the Legislature from Lawrence and Elliott counties, did not file an expense account, as required by law, and that he is no longer a candidate. We give this only as it came to us, having no definite information as to Mr. Skaggs' intentions.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Thurman Jones, 27, to Ollie Thompson, 17, of Portsmouth and Ulysses. Lee Diamond, 21, to May Young, 17, of Overda.

Joe Fred Farra, 18, to Lessee New, 16, of Glenhays, W. Va.

## WM. A. MARRS BUYS HOME IN NEWPORT

W. A. Marrs, a former citizen of Louisa, has bought a home in Newport, Ky. He has been living in Cincinnati the past few years and holds a good position there with the Big Four railroad.

## MRS. T. C. SONGER PASSES AWAY

The Ashland Independent gives the following full and correct account of the life and death of Mrs. Songer:

Mrs. Thomas C. Songer, wife of Thomas C. Songer, general chairman of engineers of the C. & O. railroad, passed away at her home, 28th and Winchester at 5:15 p. m. Monday, August 4. In her death eastern Kentucky loses a woman well known, universally admired and beloved.

She was Mary Abigail Sullivan, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Christian M. Sullivan, and was born in Charleston, W. Va., May 26, 1861. When a very young child her parents took her to Louisa, Ky., where she spent her girlhood and grew to be the gracious, beautiful young woman so happily remembered by all who knew her in early years. Her father, who died when she was but three years of age, was a prominent minister of the M. E. Church South, whose field of work covered parts of Kentucky, and extended thru West Virginia as far as the White Sulphur Springs. He was a man of deep learning, and far reaching influence. His wife, a charming and brilliant woman, long survived him, passing away at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Songer in this city March 30, 1909, having spent the last sixteen years of her life with this beloved son and daughter.

The marriage of Thomas C. Songer and Mary Sullivan was consummated in Louisa, January 31, 1883. The greater part of their married life has been spent in Ashland, where their children have grown to manhood and womanhood, have received education and are all happily married and highly esteemed citizens.

For several years Mrs. Songer has been a semi-invalid, and throughout this trying portion of her life her unfailing patience, gentleness, gratitude for every comfort that could be provided her, and Christian fortitude under her physical trials, have been as a benediction to her family and friends, and will remain a monument of ineffaceable glory in the hearts of those who reverence her memory. Her husband and children have been untiring in their devoted care of her, and the ready smile which rewarded their every effort revealed the lovely nature which steadfastly refused to be discouraged.

Her association in her church life was always of the sweetest. She had been a life-long member of the M. E. Church South, and until ill health prevented active service, was in the lead with every undertaking for the advancement of God's kingdom.

Her husband survives her and three sons, Jesse and Fred Songer, who reside in Ashland, and Clifford Songer, of New York, who has been in naval service for the past ten years, and is now chief machinist aboard U. S. S. Prometheus. The only daughter is Mrs. L. E. Payne, of Ashland. There are six grand-children. One sister survives, Mrs. Kate P. Shannon, of Louisa, and one brother, W. N. Sullivan, of Frankfort. Rev. Dr. F. P. Shannon, a prominent divine of Brooklyn, now in charge of Reform church on the Heights, is a nephew of Mrs. Songer and frequently visited her.

On Wednesday at 1 p. m. the funeral service was conducted at the home. Rev. W. M. Wakefield having charge, assisted by W. L. Reid and Rev. Mr. Jenkins. The body will be taken to Louisa Wednesday evening, by train and placed in the home of Mrs. Songer's cousin, Mrs. Hannah M. Lackey, where the funeral service will be held on Thursday morning, after the arrival of the Big Sandy train from Ashland and interment will there be made, where the father, mother, and two children of Mrs. Songer are resting. The people of Louisa have graciously extended to Ashland friends of the Songer family the hospitality of their homes for all who attend the funeral from this city.

Services were held at Mrs. Lackey's residence at 8:30, conducted by Rev. H. O. Chambers, of the M. E. Church South. Interment followed in Pine Hill cemetery, where rest the remains of Mrs. Songer's parents, brothers and other relatives.

## COMMUNITY MEETING FOR FARMERS AT LOUISA THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, AUGUST 14, 15 AND 16

Program is Made Up of Many Features That Appeal to Progressive Farmers.

### THURSDAY EVENING, AUGUST 14

8:00 P. M.—Singing.....University of Kentucky Quartette  
8:20 Making Microbes Work.....Dr. D. J. Healy, Experiment Station  
8:30 Better Roads.....R. J. McBryde, representing Dept. of Roads  
9:00 Motion Pictures....."Construction of Concrete Silos," "Flies," "Helping Farmers of Tomorrow," "Development of a Hen Egg"

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

2:00 P. M.—Boost Garden and Orchard.....C. W. Mathews, College of Agriculture  
2:40 The Rural Church.....Dr. T. H. Gronert, Y. M. C. A.  
3:20 Better Schools.....J. Virgil Chapman, Supt. of Public Instruction

8:00 P. M.—Getting Together.....Dr. Fred Mutchler, Extension Division College of Agriculture  
8:40 Motion Pictures....."Growing Strawberries in Warren County, Ky.," "Government Poultry Farms, Md."

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

8:00 P. M.—Health is Wealth.....Dr. L. N. Wittenberg, State Board of Health  
8:40 Home Making.....Dora Sonnenaday, Extension Division College of Agriculture  
4:20 Better Stock by Better Breeding.....W. S. Anderson, College of Agriculture

8:00 P. M.—Rural Relief Work.....Dr. S. E. Brewster, American Red Cross  
8:40 Motion Pictures....."Making of a Nurse," "Government Poultry Farm, Md.," "Road Making"

### BREED BETTER STOCK.

The man who lives on a farm and the man who owns land is always anxious to have better stock. He may fancy saddle horses; he may breed beef cattle; he may build a dairy herd, or he may be producing pork; but he is interested in anyone who can tell him how to improve his stock.

W. S. Anderson, of the College of Agriculture, is a livestock enthusiast of the most pronounced type. He always has things worth while to say in his talks, things which the farmer, the breeder and the dairy man can take home with them.

### WAR BROUGHT CHANGE.

The housekeeper of today is a very different person from what she was a few years ago. The war has forced her to change her ideas of many things and has also made her co-operate in war work. She learned to do team work in sewing or rolling bandages; she learned that her family could eat and be satisfied with food which, in the days of peace, it would not even consider. She is open minded, and, therefore, ready to have Home-making, Drying, Canning, or any other topic discussed.

Miss Dora Sonnenaday, of the Extension Division of the College of Agriculture, will talk at the Farmers Community Meeting on Homemaking. All the housekeepers should be certain to hear what she has to say.

### HEALTH IS WEALTH.

The young man who was robust was able to fight for Uncle Sam; the man who was not physically fit was turned down. Altho business does not turn the man down who is not normal in health, still he does not have a full chance to make good in life. John D. Focke, a farmer, offered a million dollars for a first class stomach because he realized the value of health in hard cash.

Dr. L. N. Wittenberg will tell his audiences something about "Health is Wealth" during the Farmers Community Meeting. Men, women and children are all vitally interested in Health and are sure to be interested in this talk.

### HE KNOWS THE FARMER.

The management of the Farmers Community Meeting is delighted to have late head of the Extension Division of the College of Agriculture, will deliver an evening talk on "Getting Together." For years Dr. Mutchler has known the farmers in a most intimate way. He is himself a farmer of ability. No question needs discussion more than that of co-operation among the men who till the soil so the doctor is sure to have a large audience out to hear him, and the audience is sure to be thoroughly satisfied.

## WILSON TRYING TO REDUCE PRICES

President Wilson will take steps to effect immediately reduction of the price of foodstuffs. Congress will receive a message from him requesting enactment of whatever legislation may be necessary to lower prices. The Department of Justice has been ordered to make war immediately on all hoarders of supplies and all profiteers. Julius H. Barnes has decided to retail the guaranteed price of \$2.26 a bushel for wheat in order to prevent the rise of price. Barnes promised a stabilization of flour prices and hopes to be able to supply all that is needed at \$10 a barrel.

### STOWERS WINS IN 13th.

Frank W. Stowers, candidate for Democratic nomination for State Senator, carried the Thirteenth senatorial district, composed of Pike, Floyd and Knott counties, by a 1,000 majority.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Black, of South Pekin, Ill., who have been visiting in Louisa, are spending this week in Wayne, the guests of relatives.

### HE KNOWS SCHOOLS.

Since Uncle Sam has been at war he has made everyone realize that this century demands an education for every man, woman and child. Schools will be certain to grow better and people are sure to think more about the school to which their children go.

The Farmers Community Meetings at Louisa is going to give parents an opportunity to think clearly about "Better Schools" because J. Virgil Chapman, Superintendent of Public Instruction, will be one of the speakers. He knows the country schools because he has taught them and then supervised them in many portions of the State.

### PEOPLE ARE WONDERING.

Religion and Life appear to have been pulled a bit closer since America has been at war. Then, too, with all the many changes which have come to the country, people are wondering just how religion and life are to adjust themselves again to the new conditions. Of course, religion is solid, but it is changing with the times and the public is eager to hear men give their ideas of what will probably take place.

Dr. T. H. Gronert has long been known in Kentucky as a forceful speaker who has something to say and knows how to say it. The Farmers Community Meeting at Louisa is indeed fortunate to have him on the program.

### CUT LIVING COSTS.

There was a time when the garden was considered a woman's job. There was a time when any orchard would grow and bear fruit in spite of neglect. That time has gone and with it low cost of living. Today a garden or an orchard are well sized jobs. Both jobs are well worth doing well because a good garden and a fruitful orchard will reduce the high cost of living very greatly and provide a bountiful table. C. W. Mathews understands gardens and orchards as few other men in the state do and he has a message for the people.

### MAKE MICROBES WORK.

The man who fights hog cholera, the physician who pits his skill against typhoid fever, and the woman who keeps her house clean, are one and all fighting microbes. Besides these dangerous microbes there are others which help to make soil fertile and do other good work to make the old world better.

Dr. J. D. Healy, of the Experiment Station, has been studying and handling good and bad microbes for years. He has been on the trail of the microbe which causes hog cholera for three years. He hasn't got him yet, but he is still on his trail. Come to hear Dr. Healy.

## J. E. CHILDERS IS NEW CIRCUIT JUDGE

Joel E. Childers, Pikeville, Democrat, is the new Circuit Judge of the Thirty-fifth judicial district. He was appointed by Gov. Black to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of the late Judge J. F. Butler.

Judge Childers will be the Democratic candidate in the November election. He will be opposed by J. J. Moore, Pikeville, law partner of Judge Butler, or Roscoe Vanover, of the same city, who ran against Judge Flom D. Sampson, for the Republican nomination for Appellate Judge in the Seventh district.

The district is composed of Pike and Letcher counties and normally is Republican.

C. E. Hensley, traveling salesman returned Wednesday from Greensburg where he had been calling on the trade. He was accompanied by Mrs. Hensley. They made the trip in their automobile.

Miss Baker, of Van Lear, is the guest of Miss Mary Maurice.

## O'NEAL-HIGHBARGER.

The following account of the marriage of two popular young people of Louisa and Busseyville is taken from the Catlettsburg department of the Ashland Independent and is of interest to their many friends. Lieut. Highbarger and bride came to Louisa to spend a few days with relatives.

Miss Annie O'Neal, a professional nurse and a handsome and popular young lady, was married at four o'clock Saturday afternoon at the home of her uncle, Hon. and Mrs. W. D. O'Neal, on Oakland avenue, to Lieut. Howard R. Highbarger, late of the American army, but now a civil engineer located at Caples, W. Va. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Bostwick, former pastor of the Methodist church at Louisa. The bride was charming in all white, while the handsome groom was in officer's uniform. There were only members of the O'Neal family present at this quiet and pretty wedding. The happy couple both stand very high in the regard of all who know them. They will visit relatives at Louisa for a time after which they will locate at Caples where the groom holds a responsible position. Their many friends will hope for them much happiness.

## AUXIER-STEWART RACE CLOSE.

The race for the Republican nomination for State Senate in the Pike-Knott-Floyd district is very close between Andrew Auxier and R. Lee Stewart.

## OFFICIAL RESULT IN LAWRENCE CO.

The official vote of Lawrence county in the primary of last Saturday is as follows:

**Democrats**  
Governor—Noel, 13; Black, 280; Carroll, 381.  
Lieutenant-Governor—Oldham, 213; Shanks, 339.  
Secretary of State—McQuary, 100; Cohen, 161; Hager, 311.  
Auditor—Bosworth, 360; Brouse, 80; Rawlings, 66; Vance, 58.  
Attorney General—Baker, 163; Daugherty, 113; Lisanby, 43; Musick, 187.  
Clerk of Court of Appeals—Steger, 54; Goodman, 310; O'Connell, 102.  
Supt. of Public Instruction—King, 124; Eubank, 126; Foster, 246.  
Commissioner of Agriculture—Cecil, 148; Newman, 322.

**Republicans**  
Attorney General—Dawson, 257; Jolly, 73.  
Railroad Commissioner—Kash, 173; Eversole, 152.  
Carroll carried 14 precincts in Lawrence county and Black 5.

About 35 per cent of the Democratic vote went to the polls. The percentage of Republicans was very much smaller than that.

## FINDS FOSSILS OF SEA MONSTERS IN FLOYD COUNTY SHALE FIELDS

Frankfort, Ky., Aug. 5.—The Kendrick shale on headwaters of Cow creek, Floyd Co., recently investigated and reported on by Willard R. Jilison, State Geologist, brings to light remains of some hitherto unknown pioneers of the Kentucky mountains, sea-faring beings, who traveled through many vicissitudes from the Gulf of Mexico, to the upper reaches of which at that time extended to somewhere in the vicinity of Paducah.

They underwent as many hardships in the prehistoric mud of Eastern Kentucky, in hardened deposits of which their fossilized remains have been preserved, as did the human pioneers of Kentucky in the mountain wilderness, which in the giant upheaval of an ancient day lifted these strange geological specimens from the ocean's level.

Such peculiar family names, and all rare to geologists, are found among those resting in the Kendrick shale, as Spirifer Rockymontanus, Pleurotomaria and Modioloma Subelliptica. They are invertebrates. "The wonder that, have found any marine invertebrate life in all this semi-isolated pocket is further increased by a realization of the fact that these hardy pioneering fauna were continually subject to and repeatedly suffered from total extinction when only partially established in their new environment.

Marine fossils are seldom found in the coal measures and this peculiar shale of limited area will be further investigated with reference to its relation to the coal fields of Kentucky. The fossils are new and unmatched inside or out of Kentucky.

## W. M. S. MEETING AT LOUISA.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Ashland district of the M. E. Church South, will be held in Louisa, beginning August 26th.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Burchett, Jr., Wayne Carey Burchett, of this city, and Mrs. J. J. Johnson, of Jenkins, left Sunday by automobile for Cincinnati to spend the week. They will also go to Lexington and Mt. Sterling to visit relatives.

Mrs. Daisy Ray and daughter have rented Mrs. Maude Picklesimer's residence. Mrs. Ray has accepted a position as stenographer for the Lobaco company.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Hager and Mr. John Pagan drove over from Huntington, W. Va., Tuesday and visited in Louisa. They returned by way of Wayne, W. Va.

## LOBACO COMPANY WILL OPERATE AN ELECTRIC PLANT

Electricity for Commercial Purposes Provided for in Immense New Plant to be Erected by this \$150,000 Corporation. Also, Ice Plant, Soft Drinks, Baking Products

The Lobaco Company has bought an electric plant large enough not only to run its own machinery, but to supply current for lights and power to all firms or individuals in Louisa who may want it.

An ice plant with a capacity of forty tons per day will be installed during the fall and winter.

The bakery will be ready for operation early in October. The most complete equipment possible to obtain has been purchased. In addition to bread and pies, there will be a large production of cakes. A concrete floor has been laid in the bakery building and men are now at work on the reconstruction of the building. The brick partition walls have been erected this week.

The capital stock will be \$150,000. This will include the coca-cola and soft drink establishment. The real estate between that building and railroad street has been contracted for, and a switch will be run into the ice plant. Steps have been taken to secure an electric lighting franchise from the city.

Later on, when arrangements shall have been made with farmers for ample milk supply, the manufacture of ice cream will be added to the business of this firm.

Everybody will be glad to know that the electric light plant is to be established. Louisa needs electricity and the time is ripe for it.

Mr. B. E. Adams is very busy just now closing contracts and arranging for the construction and installation of all this large plant. He is hustling everything to the limit. We expect to be eating the famous Lobaco bread before the 15th of October.

## MORE GOOD WELLS IN LOCAL FIELD

The well on Dr. C. B. Walters farm on upper Blaine was shot a few days ago and is reported to be good for five barrels. This is two miles or more from the wells of the Union Oil & Gas company's wells and is an important indicator as to the extent of the field. It is expected that a pipe line to that field will be laid as soon as the pipe can be delivered.

The New Domain's well on Carl Bussey's land was shot last week and is reported to be better than the average well in the Busseyville field.

Well No. 5 on the Rebecca Peters farm is a good one.

The Big Blaine is drilling well No. 13 on W. M. Savage.

C. W. Taylor is getting well No. 1 on his place two miles west of Louisa.

## BLACK WINS THE GOVERNOR'S RACE

In the State primary election last Saturday Governor James D. Black, of Barbourville, won the Democratic nomination for Governor of Kentucky by a majority of about 18,000.

The lightest vote ever recorded in any important primary is shown by the result and many calculations were upset thereby.

The only two counties in Eastern Kentucky carried by Judge Carroll were Lawrence and Mason.

The winners for the other offices are given in the list published at the head of the first column on page 1.

The race for the Republican nomination for Railroad Commissioner was close between Kash and Eversole.

## BACK BROKEN BY FALL OF SLATE

Oscar Garland, age 19, is at River-view Hospital suffering from a broken back. He is paralyzed from his hips down. This serious injury is the result of a mass of slate falling upon him in a coal mine up Tug river. He is a son of Wm. Garland and a nephew of Mrs. C. E. Hensley and several years of his boyhood were spent in Louisa.

## ORDERED BUILDINGS REMOVED.

The State Fire Marshal has ordered the buildings removed from the old Roffe property on Main and Main Cross streets. It is now owned by James H. Woods and Augustus Snyder.

Mr. G. F. Gallup, of Catlettsburg, attended the funeral of his cousin, Mrs. Songer yesterday. While here he called at the NEWS office. Fred is a loyal Big Sandy man and has many friends throughout the valley. His mother was born and reared in Louisa.

Mrs. W. T. Howland came over from Huntington Wednesday for a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Flen McHenry. She was accompanied by Mr. Howland's two daughters and two sons.